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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Access to Private Land Mobile Radio Spectrum, WP Docket No. 16-261

Dear Ms. Dortch,

In May of 2016, Marion Utilities implemented an innovative new wireless tracking system into our waste management vehicles. This system, created by M2M Spectrum Networks, allows us to check on our drivers' location, monitor driver behavior and the status of their vehicles in real time. This keeps our drivers and our community safe. We also use the data collected from the M2M system to quickly resolve customer inquiries and map more efficient routes. This results in a reduction in energy consumption and an overall conservation of capital.

If there is access to licensed frequencies, I believe that this tracking system could help other small town utilities like ours. Therefore, I am in full support of new entrants being allowed fair and equal access to 800 MHz SMR Category and General Pool Category licenses in the Guard and Expansion Band without any priority given to incumbents.

Thank you,

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